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1. A SED School established to conduct regular instruction courses for KPD functionaries from Western Germany is located in the Schorfheide area north of Berlin, 12.5 km east of Gross Doelln (N 53/U 90) along the road Gross Doelln-Doellnkrug.
2. The location of the school, which is disguised as the Edgar Andre VVN Recreation Center, is regarded as a secret by the SED and students are threatened with expulsion from the party if they compromise the location or communicate with their homes while attending the school. The installation is enclosed by two fences, which are more than two meters high, and between which several watch dogs are placed at night.
3. The instruction courses conducted at the school include 6-week courses known as "Zirkelleiter Lehrgaenge" which are for young Communist functionaries, and 3-week courses for top staff KPD functionaries. Students are selected by the KPD Landesleitungen in Western Germany and are admitted to the courses only after having been approved by the SED Central Committee in Berlin. The "Zirkelleiter Lehrgaenge" are normally attended by about 150 students and the courses for top functionaries by about 30 students. All of these students are required to submit completed political questionnaires which, together with photograph and forefinger print, are submitted to the SED Central Committee in Berlin. Students from the Western Zones of Germany are advised that their statements will be subject to investigation.
4. The training schedule of the school includes lectures by Moscow-trained lecturers on the development of Marxism, Leninism and Stalinism and on civics, dealing with subjects such as the essence of the state and its functions, origin and development of the forms of the state, the bourgeois-democratic state and the socialist state. The schedule also provides for self-study in connection with the subjects treated by the lecturers, group discussions dealing with timely topics and motion pictures.

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5. In the course [redacted] the discussions on topics of timely interest emphasized the importance of cooperation between the KPD and the SPD and the students were urged each to recruit one Social Democrat for the unification drive. In connection with this program they were told that a school was established in Zinna Forest, Kreis Jüterbog (N 52/A 69) for the express purpose of familiarizing Social Democrats from the Western Zones of Germany with SED installations. It was said that about 3,000 SPD members from the Western Zones had already attended the school. 50X1-HUM

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6. The students were also directed to locate and report on former Volkspolizei members and prominent personalities who fled to the Western Zones of Germany. They were told that the SED is in a position to abduct persons of special interest and bring them to the Soviet Zone of Germany.

7. The students [redacted] were smuggled to the Soviet Zone of Germany illegally after the individual Landesleitungen had transported them collectively to the zonal border by bus.

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Students [redacted] crossed the zonal border near Duderstadt (L 52/C 72) and proceeded on foot to the collection point for all students which was located in Worbs (L 52/C 81). From there they were taken by bus to the Edgar Andre VVM Recreation Center, passing through Berlin en route.

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